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SUBJECT: GOI URGES INCREASED AIRLINE SECURITY

1. ON JULY 5 GOI ISSUED PRESS BULLETIN ON MESSAGE FROM
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT TO HIS COUNTERPARTS IN SELECTED
NEAR EASTERN AND WESTERN NATIONS, INCLUDING UNITED STATES.
TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MR. GAD YAAKOBI,
TODAY (MONDAY) DESPATCHED NOTES TO HIS OPPOSITE NUMBERS
IN THE U.S., FRANCE, ITALY, DENMARK, FINLAND, GREECE,
TURKEY AND CYPRUS, ASKING THEM TO INCREASE CIVIL AVIATION
SECURITY MEASURES AT AIRPORTS AND IN FLIGHT.
IN HIS NOTE, THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT POINTS OUT THAT
EVENTS LEADING FROM THE AIR FRANCE AIRLINER'S HIJACKING
OVER ATHENS, VIA BEHGHAZI, TO ENTEBBE, UGANDA, ILLUSTRATED
AGAIN THE URGENT NEED FOR INTENSIFYING SECURITY MEASURES
TAKEN BY AIRLINES AND AIRPORTS. THE LIVES AND WELLBEING
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OF MILLIONS DEPENDED ON ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES.

TRANSPORT MINISTERS, COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND CARRIERS
WERE CHARGED WITH THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF CIVIL AVIATION,
ACCOMPANIED BY MAXIMUM CARE FOR THEIR PASSENGERS.
THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT IS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER
TO SAFEGUARD THOSE PASSING ITS AIRPORTS AND TRAVELLING
BY ITS NATIONAL CARRIER, INCLUDING MANY CITIZENS OF YOUR
COUNTRY. I THEREFORE FEEL PERMITTED AND OBLIGED TO APPEAL
TO YOU, AS THE (MINISTER) RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S
CIVIL AVIATION, TO STRIVE FOR SECURITY IN AIR TRAVEL.
UNQUOTE.

3. JERUSALEM POST STORY JULY 6 REPORTED THAT TRANSPORT MINISTRY
HAD ASKED FOREIGN AIRLINES TO SKIP INTERMEDIATE ROUTE
STOPS WHERE SECURITY WAS INADEQUATE. HOWEVER, LOCAL TWA
MANAGER HAS INFORMED US THAT NO SUCH SUGGESTION HAS BEEN
MADE TO TWA. AIR FRANCE, WHICH HALTED ATHENS STOPOVERS
FOR FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN ISRAEL IN IMMEDIATE WAKE OF
HIJACKING, HAS REPORTEDLY RESUMED THEM.
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